(d) if so, the reasons for not reconstructing it so far and the steps the Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (b). Yes, Sir. Widening and strengthening of NH-43 from Kotpad (Km 330) to Salur (Km 488.6) via Jeypore (Km 381) and Koraput (Km 401) is being done in a phased manner subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority of works. Details of projects sanctioned during VII Plan are given in the statement given below.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED DURING VII PLAN FOR WIDENING OF NH-43 BY THE UNION GOVERNMENT

S. No.	Name of Work	Date of Sanction	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. in lakh)	Physical progress Made so far	Yearwise Allotment Released (Rs. in lakh)	Target Date of completion
	ORISSA					
1.	Widening/Strengthening Km. 427/0 to 437/0	12-11-87	76.30	95%	1987-88 10.00 1988-89 18.00 1989-90 20.00 1990-91 17.00	9/91
2.	Widening/Strengthening Km. 403/0 to 408/250	28-11-89	76.22	10%	1989-90 — 1990-91 5.00	6/92
3.	Widening/Strengthening Km. 417/0 to 427/0.	27-7-90	106.46	05%	1990-91 1.00	6/93
4.	Widening/Strengthening Km. 368/0 to 370/200 & 370/600 to 373/200	30-6-90	60.70	05%	1990-91 1.00	3/93
		Total	319.68		72.00	
	ANDHRA PRADESH					
1.	Widening to 2 lanes from Km. 481/0 to 514/0 of RV Section on NH-43.	30-3-91	380.72		1990-91 15.00	3/93
		Grand Total	700.40		87.00	

WIDENING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY No. 43

1473. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have allocated funds for widening of National Highway No. 43 between Koraput to Salur on the ghat roads during last year;

(b) if so. the amount of funds sanctioned;

(c) whether the funds allotted has been utilised during the year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. Four works of widening and strengthening with aggregate sanctioned amount of Rs. 639.70 lakhs are presently in progress between Koraput (Km 401) and Salur (Km 488.6) on NH 43 in the States of Orissa and Andhra. A sum of Rs. 38.00 lakhs was allocated

for these works last year. However, the finally admitted expenditure for 1990-91 is still awaited from the States.

BANK ROBBERIES

1474. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI :

DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of bank robberies/ dacoities taken place in the country during 1990-91, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the details of these banks and the losses of lives and property therein; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to review the existing security arrangements and to tighten the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) State/Union Territory-wise number of bank robberies/dacoities which took place in the country during the calender year 1990 and first quarter of 1991 in respect of public sector banks is given below in Statement-I.

(b) Bankwise details of loss of lives and amount involved in bank robberies/ dacoities for the same period is given below in Statement II.

(c) The following measures have been taken to review the security arrangements :

(i) State Level Security Committees have been constituted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for each State;

(ii) A Security Cell has been created in RBI to monitor bank robberies, to issue suitable instructions from time to time and to act as a think-tank for bank security;

(iii) Each public sector bank has a Chief Security Officer assisted by Circle Security Officers;

(iv) Branches have been classified according to the level of risk and appropriate security arrangements are provided;

(v) Measures have been taken for enhancement of security at the branch level by measures like construction of Strong Rooms according to the specifications, shifting of branches to better/ more secured premises, provision of alarms, etc.

Security measures needed by the public sector banks are constantly reviewed and depending on risk factor involved, appropriate measures are taken wherever necessary.

STATEMENT-I

Sl. No.	Name of the State	1990	1991 (up to 31-3-91)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5	Nil
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	1
3.	Assam	10	1
4.	Bihar	26	5
5.	Gujarat	3	—
6.	Himachal Pradesh	—	1
7.	Haryana	2	—
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	—
9.	Kerala	1	—
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1	—
11.	Maharashtra	2	—